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In re Application of: Robert J. Seymour, et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/025,382)
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For: Methods and System for Manufacturing)
and Finishing Web Products at High Speed)
Without Reeling and Unwinding)

Examiner: Eric J. Hug

Art Unit: 1762

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Sir:

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted for the Examiner's consideration in accordance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure.

A Search Report from the European Patent Office on a PCT Application corresponding to the above-captioned application is submitted for the Examiner's consideration, as well as copies of the references cited by the European Patent Office. Applicants' duty to provide a concise statement of relevance as to the two foreign language references is satisfied by the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office in accordance with 1138 OG 38 of May 19, 1992 and MPEP §609A(3).

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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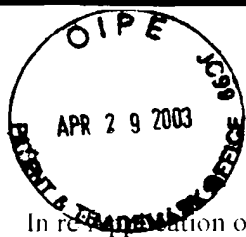
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 17407	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 02/ 37459	International filing date (day/month/year) 20/11/2002	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 19/12/2001
Applicant KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



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2.



Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3.



Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A method for directly forming and finishing a web product is provided. The method includes forming a web (w) on a forming apparatus, continuously transferring the formed web to a conveyor (24), performing a converting step (18,22,28,30,32,34,36,44,45,46,47) on the web as the web is continuously supported and advanced on the conveyor (24), and finishing the web into a product substantially ready for packaging. A system for performing the method is also provided.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 D21F11/00 D21G9/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 D21G D21F D21H

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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